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Trash Bags With Narrowing Seals To Facilitate Gripping

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" for this application.

The Applicants are other than a small entity.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

The Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. This conditional petition is being made, however, to provide for the possibility that the Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining	Highest No. Paid For	Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity
Total	25	45	0 x	\$ 9=\$	\$ 18 = \$ 0
Independent	4	8	0 x	\$ 43 = \$	\$ 86 = \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		\$ 145 = \$	\$ 290 = \$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 0

There is no additional fee for claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47097-01101USPT). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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